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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1919.

ONE SHILLING.



A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT: "PRINCESS PAT" AND THE HON. ALEXANDER RAMSAY.

Of the popularity of the betrothal of the Duke of Connaught's beautiful daughter, Princess Patricia, and Commander the Hon. Alexander Robert Maule Ramsay, D.S.O., R.N., brother of the Earl of Dalhousie, there is no shadow of doubt. The Princess made herself extremely popular in

Canada during the Governor-Generalship of her father, the Duke of Connaught. Her fiancé, Commander the Hon. Alexander Ramsay, D.S.O., was Flag Commander to Vice-Admiral de Robeck in the Dardanelles Expedition. The engagement has elicited world-wide expressions of goodwill.

Photograph by Walter Mackenzie and Fenwick Cullen, Montreal.



"INVEST ME IN MY MOTLEY - GIVE ME LEAVE TO SPEAK MY MIND.."

By KEBLE HOWARD ("Chicot").

"THE DEATH OF 1918."

With Apologies. Full knee-deep lies the winter slime,
And the winter winds are cosily blowing;
Ring the church bells with merry chime,
And let your heart and feet keep time,
For the old year he's a-going.

Old year, you must not stay;
You came to us so drearly,
You lived with us so wearily,
Old year, you shall not stay.

He lieth still; he doth not move;
He will not see the dawn of day.
They have no use for him above.
I had a friend, and a true-true love,
And the old swine took 'em away.

Old year, you must not live;
So long as you have stayed with us,
Such games as you have played
with us—
My hat, you SHALL not live!

Red Milestones. I further wish to protest against too much importance being attached in any year to the thirty-first of December. The thirty-first of December is not, in itself, a day of greater significance than the thirty-first of March or the thirty-first of October. On the other hand, it is not nearly so important as April the first, which means the Birth of Spring, or June the first, which means the Birth of Summer and the coming of the roses, or June the eighth, which is my birthday.

Your birthday, friend the reader, is of far greater significance to you than New Year's Day. It is, after all, the anniversary of your birth. If man must have landmarks, his birthday is the most important day he could select for a landmark. Much depends on your birthday. Not only were you born on it, but you came of age on it. You may have succeeded to vast estates on it. If you live to be sixty, or sixty-five, or whatever the period is, you will get a large sum of money from the insurance company on it.

You think in birthdays. You joined or did not join the Army by reason of the number of your birthdays. A birthday, I repeat, is of profound significance, yet it is quite out of fashion to take notice of birthdays. Few people send birthday cards, and fewer people give birthday presents to grown-ups. This is all wrong. A birthday is a great achievement, and should be treated with much respect in the morning, and with song and dance in the evening. We should thus acquire festivities all the year round. Which is to be thought of.

Birthday Poems and Hymns. There are hymns to be sung in church and chapel on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, but is there a hymn in the book to be sung on my birthday or on your birthday? I do not remember one. There are famous poems about the death of the Old Year;

we are beseeched to "ring out the old, ring in the new." Did anybody ever take the trouble to ring out a year of your life or to ring in a year of your life? It may happen to the young Squire, that fast-vanishing person, but it never happened to me. My birthday became of less and less importance as I advanced in years.

Here, if you like, is a great wrong. The birthdays of children are heralded and made much of. I agree with that; but why should father's birthday pass by without the same sort of fuss? Father is getting on; father probably suffers from some minor ailment, which adds to the difficulty of life; father is getting a bit weary of the morning train and the evening train, and the same faces behind the same pipes. Each year that father lives, therefore, is a great credit to father—yes, a greater and greater credit. The credit is cumulative. Each birthday should be the occasion for wilder and wilder joy, until, when father reaches the age of

ninety, his children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren should gash themselves with knives as a symbol of their uncontrollable joy and admiration.

But is it done? Oh dear, no! Two letters, a postcard, and a cheap silk handkerchief is about the limit of the family effusiveness. Contrast the same family making complete idiots of themselves on a mere arbitrary date such as New Year's Eve!



POSING AS PEACE: MISS CONSTANCE WORTH (MRS. DAN ROLYAT).—[Photograph by Elliott and Fry.]

beg to state that there is a flower on all the hills—there are daisies and roses on my lawn. The frost is *not* on the pane, and I very much doubt whether it will be on the pane by the time these lines are in your hands. There is no snow to melt; on the other hand, to finish the line, the sun was most certainly out on high all day yesterday. As to the young lady's laudable desire to see a flower, I have already named two varieties which can be obtained without much cost or difficulty.

As a sequel to the "May Queen," "New Year's Eve" was a ghastly failure. That's what comes of trying to be pathetic about so artificial a thing as the New Year. Let us have a grand poem to commemorate the Eleventh of November, if you like. That will be something of an anniversary to keep and make hymns and songs about. We don't recognise it, but future generations will see it in its true perspective.

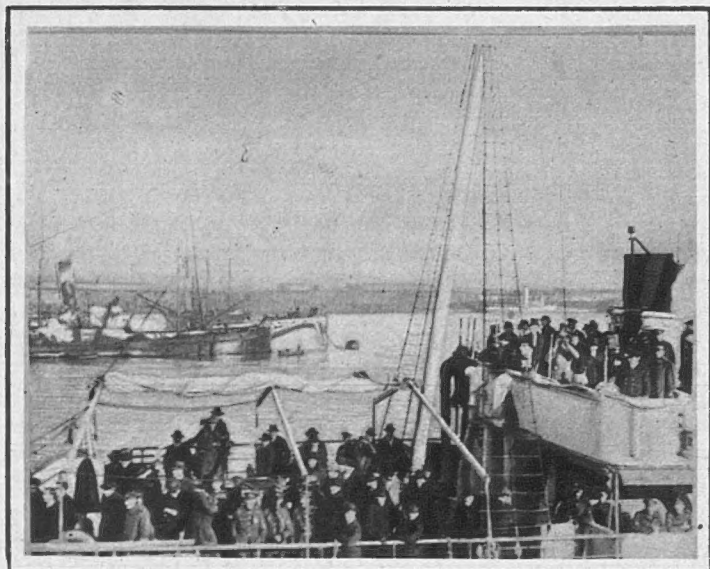
The Poets and the New Year.

Either it is that something has happened to the sun, the moon, and the Gulf Stream, or the Poets were mad when they wrote about the Old Year and the New Year. Take Tennyson's "New Year's Eve"—

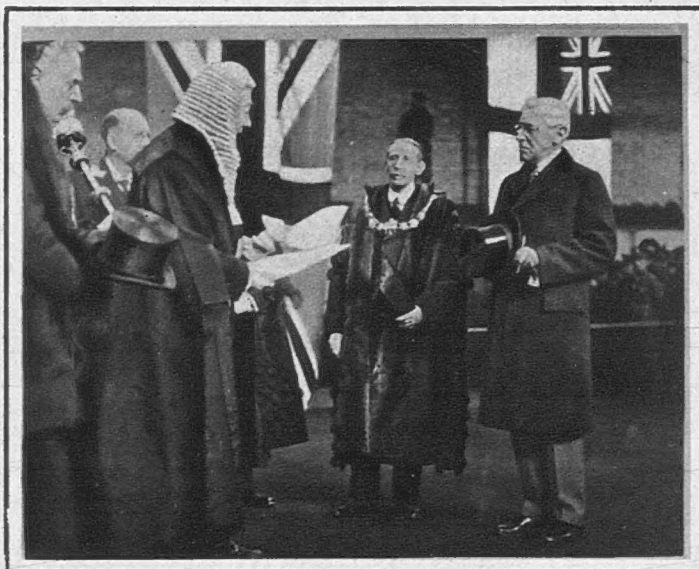
*There's not a flower on all the hills;
the frost is on the pane;
I only wish to live till the snowdrops
come again;
I wish the snow would melt and the
sun come out on high;
I long to see a flower so before the
day I die.*

I strongly suspect that he first wrote "the day before I die." But no matter. That is not the point. The point is that the whole thing is meteorologically and horticulturally wrong. I am writing, anyway, on December the eighteenth, and I

"EVEN THE SEA WAS KIND": PRESIDENT WILSON'S VISIT.



WITH PRESIDENT WILSON (IN TOP HAT) ON THE BRIDGE: THE "BRIGHTON" ARRIVING AT DOVER.



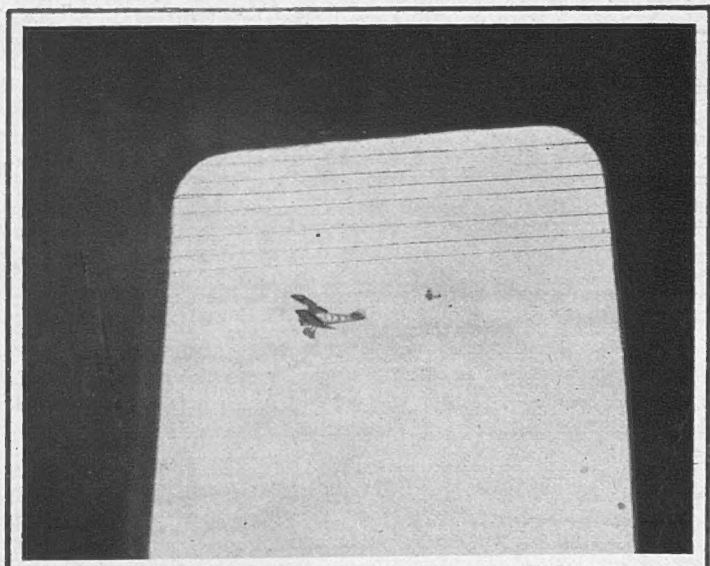
DOVER'S OFFICIAL WELCOME: PRESIDENT WILSON LISTENING TO THE ADDRESS READ BY SIR ARCHIBALD BODKIN.



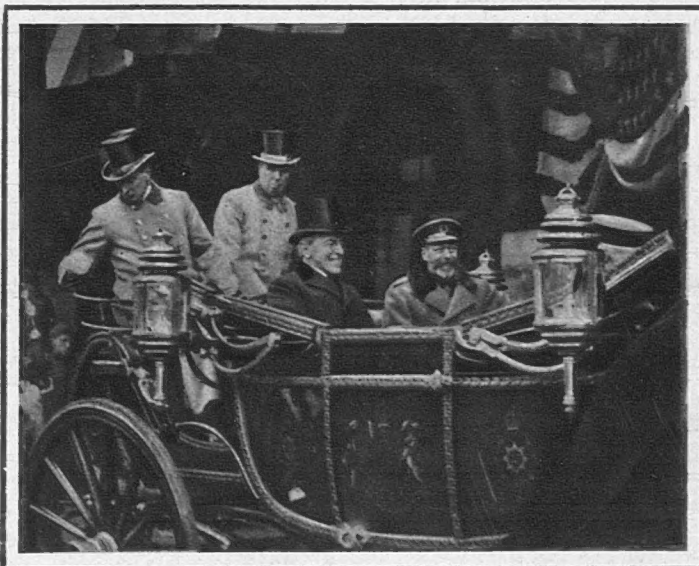
"ROSES ALL THE WAY": LITTLE GIRLS IN "STARS AND STRIPES" WAITING TO STREW FLOWERS ON DOVER PLATFORM.



ON THE LANDING-STAGE AT DOVER: (FROM RIGHT TO LEFT) ADMIRAL SIMS, LORD READING, AND MRS. WILSON.



THE AERIAL ESCORT FROM DOVER: AEROPLANES SEEN THROUGH A WINDOW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL TRAIN.



TWO GREAT DEMOCRATS: PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE KING DRIVING OUT OF CHARING CROSS STATION.

President and Mrs. Wilson crossed from Calais to Dover on Boxing Day in the "Brighton," the former Newhaven-and-Dieppe Channel boat. The President stepped ashore to the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and was greeted by the Duke of Connaught. In replying to the address of welcome read by the Recorder of Dover (Sir Archibald

Bodkin), with whom was the Mayor, the President said: "Even the sea was kind to us this morning, and gave us a very pleasant passage." At Charing Cross the visitors were received by the King and Queen, and drove amid most enthusiastic and cordially cheering crowds to Buckingham Palace.—[Photographs by I.N.A., Sport and General, and Topical.]



Christmas.

Christmas comes but once a year, as the old rhyme says, and during the last four years it didn't bring very much "good cheer" with it. They were four sad, weary Christmases. This year, however, all this was changed. Many of us were re-united to our dear ones for the first time since the outbreak of the war, and the phrase, "festive board" was for once something more than a mere metaphor. And this year we decked our walls with holly and mistletoe; for the fighting is over, and the fun is about to begin.



AND VERY SAUCY TOO!
"The saucepan toque appeared in Oxford Street yesterday."—*Daily Paper.*

rageous. I have no doubt that there are still large stocks of German-made toys in the country, and that some shop-keepers may be only too anxious to dispose of them, possibly at slightly reduced prices. But *do not buy them*. Since the war the toy industry has made enormous strides in this country, and every patriotic woman will do everything in her power to encourage it. British toys are not only as good as German toys—they are very much better; and, in any case, I cannot help thinking that the person who would knowingly purchase a box of tin soldiers "made in Germany" must be, at the best, fatally lacking in imagination.

Lost—and Found. There is one woman at least to whom the last few days have brought a great deal of happiness. A few evenings ago I called upon Winifred Barnes in her dressing-room at the Apollo. It was a radiant Winifred Barnes, a Winifred Barnes overflowing with jubilation and good-humour,



THE X AND THE BALLOT BOX.
Campaspe (leaving the Polling Station): "Well, dear, who did you give your kiss to?"

A Warning.

There is one word of warning that I should very much like to give to New Year shoppers—and particularly to those who are buying presents for children. Insist on the things you buy being British made. I remember, only a few months ago, going into a stationer's shop at the seaside to get some picture-postcards. They were supplied to me in an envelope; when I took them back to the hotel at which I was staying, I noticed that every one of them had the words, "Printed in Bavaria" on the place where the stamp is affixed. After nearly four years of war with Germany, such a state of things appeared to me outrageous.



GIVEN THE CROIX DE GUERRE: DR. FRANCES IVENS, HEAD PHYSICIAN OF THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AT THE ABBAYE DE ROYAUMONT.

Photograph by Sport and General.

and good-humour, that confronted me. "I've found Tim," she exclaimed ecstatically. The words, I am afraid, meant nothing to me. Then Winifred Barnes explained. Tim, it appeared, was her white Sealyham puppy—not precisely a "pretty" dog, I believe, but one greatly loved by his owner. And Tim had been missing for two or three days. "He's a friendly little soul," Miss Barnes remarked; "and too apt to take a fancy to strangers." Miss Barnes did all she could to recover him. She even walked from South Eaton Place to Victoria Street

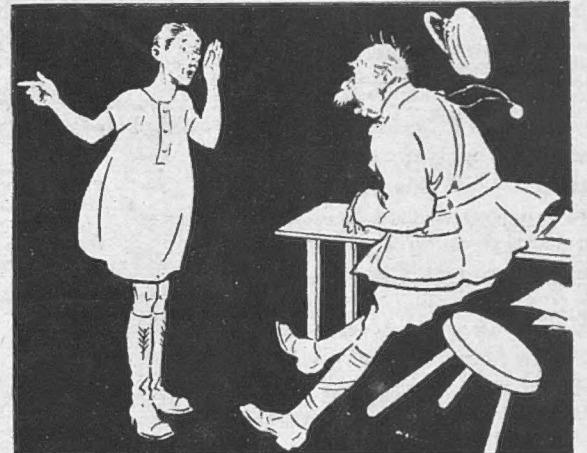


BRAVO, MAX MAXIMUS! THE GALLANT BURGOMASTER OF BRUSSELS RE-INSTATED.
British Official Photograph.

calling out "Tim—Tim—Tim!" But no Tim appeared. Then a friend put a paragraph in one of the Sunday newspapers, the result being that a telegram arrived with the words: "Tim is with me." Tim had taken a walk to Eaton Square—and stayed there. Now mistress and dog are happily re-united, and I think that's a very pretty Christmas story.

Peter Pan Once More.

Peter Pan, the boy who won't grow up, is, like the poor, always with us. What a proud man his creator must be! I do seriously think that Sir James Barrie has given us in Peter a character that will hold a foremost place in the affections of our children for generations to come. He is as immortal as Man Friday, and I am quite sure that so long as little girls believe in fairies, and little boys in Red Indians, they will find a place in their hearts for Peter Pan. Peter's interpreters come and go, but Peter remains for ever. I am just old enough to remember the first Peter Pan—it was Miss Nina Boucicault. How alluring, how irresistible, how full of fun and fantasy she was! Since then there have been many actresses who have essayed the part. One recalls Miss Pauline Chase, Miss Unity More, and (last year's Peter), Miss Fay Compton. And now there is another to be added to the list. Two or three evenings ago I went to the New Theatre to see "Peter Pan" for the—well, I should be afraid to say how many times I've seen it. I found it as fresh as ever, and thoroughly enjoyed the acting of pretty Faith Celli—this year's Peter. She brings out all there is of the elvish in Peter's character.

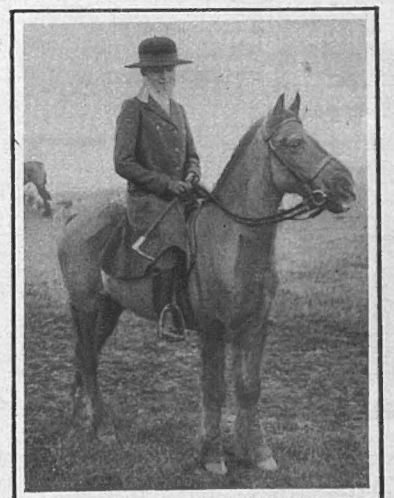


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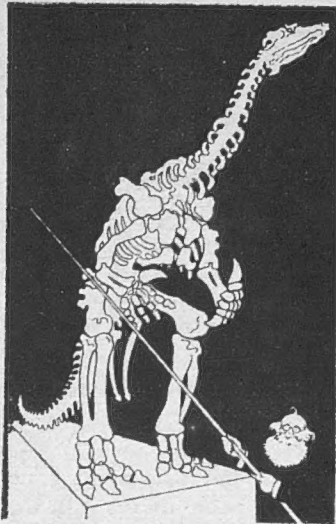
"In East Africa an R.A.F. pilot hung his clothes on a tree to dry while he slept. He was awakened by baboons, which, carrying his clothes and springing from branch to branch, were soon out of range of his revolver. When he arrived to report to his commanding officer he was wearing nothing but top-boots and an undervest."—*Daily Paper.*

A Reminiscence. You may think that "Peter Pan" is an easy sort of play for the actors and actresses. Everything seems to run so naturally that one is tempted to forget the immense amount of studied artifice that lies behind it all. I remember, however, Unity More—she was the Peter Pan of 1916; I believe—telling me that she never had to work so hard in her life as when she was rehearsing for her part in that play. "Oh, those long, dreary evenings," she said. "They were trying. Everything at first seemed to go wrong, and there were times when we didn't get away till one o'clock in the morning." An actress's life, you see, isn't always a lazy one, though I believe there are lots of people who imagine it is mainly made of up champagne suppers and motor-cars.

Orange Substitutes. We have long had artificial flowers as table decorations. At dinner the other night my hostess had adorned the board with a tangerine



A KEEN YOUNG RIDER TO HOUNDS: MISS TREHEARNE, AT A MEET OF THE EAST KENT.
Photograph by Sport and General.



LONDON'S ORGY OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

"The Natural History Museum at South Kensington is a go-ahead institution. From 12 to 1 p.m. entertaining lectures on the exhibits are given."—*Daily Paper*.

in London whose daily post includes a bunch of applications for their signatures from the Colonial men.

An Odd Taste. A Canadian friend tells me that in her land it is considered a very lucky thing to lose a sixpence. "I just go crazy with delight," said she, "when I drop one." But does the delight last if the luck is repeated too often? Canadians have many picturesque words and phrases of their own. You know the side-curl that many women wear? Well, the Canadians, so one told me, term this the beau-catcher.

Owing to the Frost. A certain comedian was once engaged for pantomime on the strength of his success in comedy, but was so out of place in his surroundings that he retired early from the bill "owing to a severe cold." "Funny," commented the veteran clown; "I saw him play, and he never 'wheezed' once."

A Welsh Novelist I was dipping into "Capel Sion," the best-known of the books by Mr. Caradoc Evans. It is not precisely Christmas reading. I have seldom, however, read a book so instinct with real power and remorseless insight as this study of life in a Welsh village. Mr. Evans has had a variegated career. Born in Wales, he was



WORTHY OF A "STEP": (ANOTHER IMAGINARY PORTRAIT). "In Shoreditch County Court Lieut.-Col. Toogood, R.A.M.C. left the witness-box, and on the floor of the court stood on the toes of one foot and went round in the most approved ballet-dancing style."—*Daily Paper*.

orange-tree in a tub—real leaves and artificial tangerines. Which reminds me that the familiar scent of oranges will not be wafted across the footlights to the performers in pantomime this year. The fruit of Spain is both scarce and dear to an appreciable extent.

Two Artists. Mr. Winston Churchill, of course, retains an interest in art, though he has done no paintings since he resumed office. I hear that he and Mr. Ambrose McEvoy were lunching together, and earnestly discussing art matters the other day.

Soldier Autograph-Hunters. Australian soldiers in England seem to have developed something of a craze for autographs. I know of a dozen well-known actresses



A 12-YEAR-OLD ACTRESS, AND VERY POPULAR: BETTY AS THE CALL BOY IN "US" AT THE AMBASSADORS. Photograph by Bassano.

eighteen before he could speak English. When he came to London it was as a draper's assistant. Then the opportunity to become a journalist presented itself—and he took it. "I have never regretted my choice," he told me.

Economy Weddings. The request for economy in weddings is having its effect. A certain lady who is to be married in the New Year tells me that she is being married at a Registry Office, and that she has arranged to spend her honeymoon—where do you think?—at Bethnal Green.

The Coming of the Kangaroo. Before the holidays I saw a beautiful toy kangaroo, which I was informed was destined

for Prince Alastair, Princess Arthur of Connaught's small boy. The kangaroo has usurped the proud place occupied by the Teddy Bear for so long.

Strap-Hangers. On Wednesday night I entered the Underground at Westminster. Behind me walked a stout gentleman with a tall hat and a considerate smile. I looked again, and recognised Lord Haldane. The train was crowded with Christmas shoppers, so we both had to strap-hang. Lord Haldane swung in unison with the rhythmic movement of his strap most sympathetically. Then he got into conversation with two soldier boys, who had come back from the front with a lot of trench-mud on them. I left them all laughing.



A PRESENT TO PRESIDENT WILSON ON THE UNION FEMININE FRANCHISE: A FLAG EMBROIDERED BY MADAME LABRIC.—[Photograph by Rol.]

England's Stateliest Home.

Packed with wonderful treasures, Chatsworth is generally believed to be the stateliest country house in England. Its upkeep entails a heavy drain on the resources of even so enormously wealthy a man as its ducal owner, and there has frequently been talk of it being shut up. The gardens are glorious, and full of those surprises which are to be found at Versailles.

On the "Campania." The Duke of Roxburghe was travelling to America on board the *Campania* when he met his Duchess. The Duke took part in the South African War. During a reconnaissance at Rensburg a private lost his mount, and the Duke, realising the great danger the man was in, rode out under a heavy fire and effected his rescue, the private and Peer riding into safety on the same horse. Although the Duke did not get the V.C. for this conspicuous act of bravery, he had conferred on him the exclusive Order of the Thistle, much coveted by Scottish Peers. It was said that when the Duke wedded Miss Goelet the bride's dowry was eight millions, while the guests at the wedding were worth one hundred and fifty millions.

The Secret. There was one thing about President Wilson which set all London talking. Everyone has been asking the secret of the phenomenal ease with which he came, was seen, and conquered. I suggest that it was his smile!

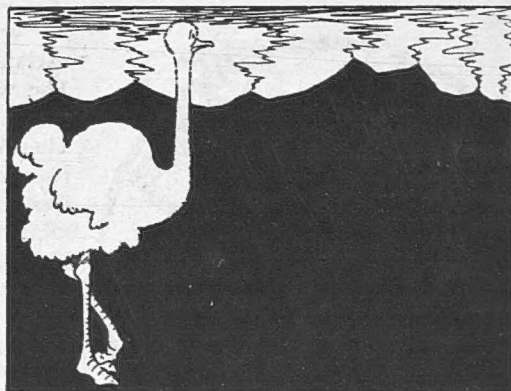


THE RESIGNATION OF THE P.R.A.: SIR EDWARD POYNTER. Photograph by Lafayette.

Horse Marines. Arthur A. quith told me the other day that the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve was the ideal force for strong single men: "We used to be called the 'Horse Marines' and 'Comic Land Sailors' by irascible sergeants in the Regular Army. But after the glorious part played by our men on the Somme we have heard no more of that."



ANOTHER (VERY) "IMAGINARY PORTRAIT." "Guildford's ex-Mayor, on visiting the Western Front, was permitted to take back as souvenirs two German helmets."



BETTER BURY MY HEAD, OR I'LL KOP(KE) IT IN THE NECK! "A chain of hill-top bonfires was to be lit in South Africa on Christmas Eve to mark the cessation of hostilities."—*Daily Paper*.

THE WORLDLING.

SMALL TALK



SOCIETY was beginning to wonder when it was going to have another engagement to talk about when Miss Violet de Trafford obligingly announced her betrothal to Captain Rupert Keppel, Lord Albemarle's third son, to keep gossips "going" over the holidays. Sir Humphrey de Trafford's pretty daughter is the last of a quartet of "great friends" to give up the liberty enjoyed by every up-to-date spinster, however recently out of her 'teens, the other three being Miss Nancy Cunard, whose marriage took place on the afternoon of the day that Countess Nada Torby—another of the group—married the then Prince George of Battenberg. Countess Zia Torby, now the wife of Major Harold Wernher, completes the list. Like most of her "set," the bride-elect has indulged in V.A.D. activities. She was one of the group of "well-knowns" who worked for the Duchess of Westminster at her hospital at Etaples.

Trying Experiences. Captain Keppel has only recently returned to London after a long experience of what it means to be a prisoner of war in German hands, for his captivity dates from September 1914, and he was only transferred to Holland early in 1918, after an interval of "reprisal" treatment consequent on the affair of the special treatment meted out to U-boat officers. In Holland, by-the-by, Captain Keppel was in the home of his forefathers, for the Keppels are of Dutch origin, and the first Earl, one Arnold Joost van Keppel, friend and confidant of William Prince of Orange, owed his elevation to the British Peerage to the favour of William III. of England. The de Trafford family, on the other hand, is one of the oldest in England. There has been a male de Trafford at Trafford, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, from a date antecedent to the Norman Conquest, so the family has, at any rate, lived up to its motto of "Hold Fast."

Welcome to England. Norway has been, on the whole, the most satisfactory of all the neutrals, and Queen Maud has always retained a warm place in the heart of the British people. It seems only a short time ago since the tall, handsome youth who has accom-

panied the Queen on her first visit to England since the war stormed the affections of the British middle-classes under the title of the little Prince Olaf. The Prince has the reputation of being the favourite grandson of Queen Alexandra, who is never so happy as when she has a circle of young people round her at Christmas. By the way, it was almost with a shock that the public saw the photograph of the arrival of the royal party at the station. We have been so accustomed to the spectacle of the King in khaki that there seemed something strangely anachronistic in the tall hat and morning-coat of peace.

He Won't Mind. Earl Crewe is not altogether to be envied as Lord-Lieutenant of London. He has invited local authorities to send

suggestions with reference to the allocation of war trophies. The rivalry between the fifteen towns that claimed Homer is likely to be nothing to the competitive importunity of London Boroughs. For example, Royal Kensington may consider itself far more important than Labour Poplar, but Labour Poplar is not likely to share that opinion. Streatham will consider the claims of Tooting negligible; while Tooting will be exasperated at any kind of preference shown to Wandsworth Common. But Lord Crewe is too old a diplomatist to be lured into these difficulties of discrimination. He has his full share of those arts which, in the Macaulian phrase, "increase the value of a concession and diminish the pain of a refusal." Whatever else the contending boroughs get from him, they will not achieve the satisfaction of a clear grievance.



A NEW YEAR WEDDING: CAPTAIN ROBIN HALL—MISS ELSIE ROUTLEDGE.

Captain Robin Hall, M.C., Royal Air Force (late R.N.V.R.), the Irish National Athlete, is the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Belfast. Miss Elsie Routledge is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Edmund Routledge, of Glazbury Road, Kensington. The marriage is arranged for to-day, Jan. 1, 1919.

Photograph of Captain Hall by Swaine.

society. For she had a reputation of being clever and dashing, but a little too flighty to uphold with proper solemnity the traditions of the one Palace of the United States. The critics were at once disarmed, however, when the new hostess entered on her duties. She is, in fact, a woman of quite unusual powers and versatility, and can play the part of uncrowned queen as well as that of cook, for she often goes into the kitchen herself to prepare something to tempt the Presidential appetite.

Resigned His Job. Lord Raglan, who has decided to retire from the Governorship of the Isle of Man, is the grandson of the gallant old soldier who fought at Waterloo and died in the Crimea. Perhaps more public-houses were named after him than after any other man of his time. The Raglan title is comparatively new—the family is one of the oldest in England, and is one of the few which can claim descent from the Plantagenets. The Fitzroy-Somersets, of whom the Duke of Beaufort is the head, sprang from the marriage of John of Gaunt with Katharine Swynford, and until quite recent times they exercised a kind of feudal sway, or "benevolent autocracy," for many miles round Badminton.

The Man—and Woman—of the Week.

Crowded as London is with innumerable people of interest and importance—men from the Front, great statesmen, important people in the political world, all Society and its wife, contrary to the time-honoured habit of going to their country seats at this season of the year—the welcome visitors from America, President Wilson and his wife, have been what old-time chroniclers used to call the "cynosure of all eyes." Politically, President Wilson is the Man of the Week, and the President's wife has made a host of friends for her own sake as well as that of her distinguished husband.



ENGAGED TO CAPTAIN F. M. I. WATTS: MISS PATRICIA PRESTON.

Miss Patricia Preston is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Murray Preston, of Wimbledon. Captain Watts, Worcestershire Regiment, attached R.A.F., is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Watts, Newton Abbot, South Devon.—[Photograph by Swaine.]



TO MARRY LIEUTENANT W. GUY PATERSON: MISS D. C. WILLSON.

Miss D. C. Willson, whose engagement to Lieut. W. Guy Paterson, Cameronians, elder son of Lieut.-Col. Gavin Paterson, J.P., Hamilton, Lanarkshire, is announced, is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. W. R. Willson and Mrs. Willson, Swiss Villa, Regent's Park.

Photograph by Bassano.



ENGAGED: MISS EVELYN SYNNOTT.

Miss Evelyn Synnott, whose engagement to Lieutenant Lockhart F. C. St. Clair, youngest son of the Hon. Lockhart M. St. Clair, C.I.E., and Mrs. St. Clair, is announced, is the youngest daughter of Mr. Nicholas Synnott and Mrs. Synnott, of Furness, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Photograph by Bassano.

"WILL SHORTLY TAKE PLACE": AN INTERESTING MARRIAGE.



Engaged: Miss Violet de Trafford—Captain the Hon. Rupert Oswald Derek Keppel.

More than usually wide interest has been shown in the announcement of the engagement of the only daughter of Sir Humphrey and Lady de Trafford to Captain Rupert Keppel, Coldstream Guards, the youngest son of the Earl and Countess of Albemarle. Miss Violet Mary de Trafford was born in 1893. Her father is the third Baronet, and her mother was, before her marriage, Miss Violet Franklin, daughter of the late

Captain James Franklin, formerly of the 77th Regiment and 6th Royals. Captain the Hon. Rupert Oswald Derek Keppel is the youngest son of the Earl and Countess of Albemarle. He was wounded and captured by the Germans, and was one of the officers given rigorous confinement by them as a reprisal for special treatment given to captured U-boat officers.—[Photographs by Lallie Charles and Lafayette.]



YOU and I are going to pull ourselves together and try again. This time we mean to put everything down and to fill every space, right from the very beginning.

I think I shall get the same sort of diary as before. As a matter of fact, I know I shall, because there isn't, and there never was, any other. The newspapers tell us a lot about "a great variety of beautiful diaries," but that's only their Christmas kindness. It's just their peace-on-earth-goodwill-towards-anything-and-everything way.

My diary, therefore, will have the usual much-too-small space for the Sunday—the only day when one has time to do anything really worth writing about; and it will be interleaved as before with those pretty pink sheets of non-absorbent "blotting"-paper that turn wet words into dry anythings you like to fancy. You know the diary I mean. Very well, then.

Another year had run its course and Nineteen-Twenty had begun, and back I turned (by habit's force) the leaves that held the things I'd done. I knew I'd "booked" a certain thing upon a certain day in "Jan."; but *here* is just a ragged ring around a spiky "little man"—that little imp of knots and spots you get when folding over blots.

I knew that in a space of May a great event I'd noted down, which happened—(hush!)—upon a day when I was thought to be in town! And to that month of blossoms fair I turned to read the record sweet—to find that there was nothing there but smudges right across the sheet; and still my little spiky man who occupied that space in "Jan."!



AT A MEET OF THE DUKE OF RUTLAND'S FOX-HOUNDS: THE MASTER, MAJOR T. BOUCH (ON THE LEFT), AND BRIGADIER-GENERAL SCARLETT, R.A.F. (RIGHT).—[Photograph by S. and G.]

I wondered then—and doubted, too—if still there stood that note in June concerning only me and you (unless we implicate the moon). With beating heart I sought the space (I knew the date to be the third), but in the blur I could not trace the meaning of a single word! (Perhaps that blotting-paper pink is sometimes kinder than I think!)

I have just been let into the secret of a pair of silk stockings. I simply happened to remark in print one day that fur coats and transparent silk stockings struck me as being rather a curious blend, and a lady wrote to me saying, quite nicely, that these thin

silk stockings were safer than the cashmere sort, "because they dry quicker on you when your legs get caught in a storm."

With rain just pouring down in kegs, short-coated Daphne, much befurred, with web-silk stockings on her legs, looked just a little bit absurd!



ON HIS FAVOURITE MOUNT: MARSHAL FOCH—A NEW SNAPSHOT.

Photograph by Prillot.

But sense is claimed for these extremes of thinnest hose and dresses short, for, thus exposed, the silk, it seems, dries quicker than the thicker sort.

But legs get perished with the cold, for all the bluff of "bird" and hosier; and I have often Daphne told her legs are dying of exposure!

The publication of a volume of poems by Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., is a reminder (says the "D.C.") of the fondness of Bar and Bench for poetry. The suggestion that the Inner Temple of the Muses was already known as a popular resort of poetic justice should certainly receive the serious attention of the New Year's legal reformers. Further, I would strongly advise the Bar not to spend too much time over the pursuit of Melpomene and certain other flapper daughters of Jupiter and Mnemosyne, or it will find itself one of these days on a Bench in the Park!

If I'm a judge of poetry, then the poetry of a Judge will lead to naught but bitterest repentances, for literary critics always designate as fudge the lines containing long and heavy sentences. If bardlets of the Bar will take the tip from one who knows, they'll wander where the nightingale or starling is, that land of lighter poetry where they sing about the rose, and also where the "sweetheart" or the "Darling" is!

Did you think out your New Year toast, or did you just rise bashfully from the restaurant table, stammer out "Cheerio, everybody!" and then hurriedly sit down? How was *this* for a simple little toast, for those who were supping and dancing at the Savoy?

"I raise my glass to the fallen boys away in the fields of France! For theirs is the pow'r behind our joys at this New Year feast and dance! And theirs is the gift of wine I drain in this thrill of life and light; and I owe to *them* what love I gain this glorious New Year night!" . . . This for your toast as the bells ring sweet, and they'll grip your hand when again you meet!

A. B. M.

"TWO HEADS IN COUNCIL": SOME WOMEN CANDIDATES.

		
<p>UNIONIST CANDIDATE FOR KENNINGTON IN PLACE OF HER LATE HUSBAND: MRS. F. A. LUCAS.</p>	<p>LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR LADYWOOD, BIRMINGHAM: MRS. M. C. ASHBY.</p>	<p>INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR BRENTFORD AND CHISWICK: MRS. OLIVER STRACHEY.</p>
		
<p>INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR HENDON: MRS. HOW MARTYN.</p>	<p>LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR NORTH BATTERSEA: MRS. DESPARD.</p>	<p>LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER: MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE.</p>
		
<p>LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR SOUTH PORTSMOUTH: MISS ALISON GARLAND.</p>	<p>INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR BRIDGE-TON, GLASGOW: MISS EUNICE G. MURRAY.</p>	
		
<p>LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR ENFIELD: MRS. J. McEWAN.</p>	<p>LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES: MRS. H. M. MACKENZIE.</p>	

Now that they have become eligible to sit in Parliament, women are in a fair way to fulfil the prophecy of Lady Psyche in Tennyson's "Princess": "Everywhere Two heads in council, two beside the hearth, Two in the tangled business of the world, Two in the liberal offices of life," and so on. In the recent General Election, seventeen women in

all stood as candidates—five Independent, four Liberal, four Labour, two Sinn Fein, one Unionist, and one (namely, Miss Christabel Pankhurst) for the Women's Party. We give portraits of fourteen out of the seventeen; unfortunately, we could not obtain photographs of the other three. They were Miss E. Phipps, Independent Candidate for Chelsea;

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[Continued overleaf.]



ARRANGING A MATINÉE FOR THE SERBIAN RED CROSS: LADY EGERTON. Lady Egerton, the wife of Sir Walter Egerton, formerly Governor of British Guiana, is arranging a matinée at the Coliseum during January, in aid of the Serbian Red Cross and the Russian Relief Fund.

Photograph by Russell.



NURSE AT A MILITARY HOSPITAL: THE HON. MURIEL HOWARD.

The Hon. Muriel Augusta Mary Howard, who acted as a nurse for two years, at Moorfield Military Hospital, is the elder of the two daughters of the second Baron Howard of Glossop. Lord Howard of Glossop's Derbyshire seat is Glossop Hall. [Photograph by Swaine.]



A NEW YEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: MISS BETTY SPOTTISWOODE.

Miss Spottiswoode is to be married on Jan. 4 to Mr. Gerald E. V. Crutchley, Scots Guards, who has returned from Holland, where he has been a prisoner of war. He is the son of Major-General Sir Charles Crutchley, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Photograph by Bertram Park.

DOLLS have lately taken their place in English literature as "the fourth order of humanity." But the Duchess of Marlborough has translated literature into what one almost calls "life." The dolls shown and sold at Sunderland House—for the moment a veritable Dolls' House—in aid of the Children's Jewel Fund have made a decisive forward step towards reality. Lady Diana Manners, for example, was present in the flesh and in plaster—a statuette modelled by Mrs. Wilfred Sheridan, and swathed in gleaming silver gauze. And Lady Diana dressed another doll to represent herself—a lovely souvenir of her Velasquez dress. Lady Lavery sold her only less charming other self for a trifle of twenty-five guineas. The very decorative dresses of the other women at the stalls—Lady Essex, Lady Hamilton, and the rest—seemed to forge or "fripper" another link between the second and the fourth orders of humanity. Really, at Sunderland House the new enumeration seemed to be established—men, women, children, and dolls.

The Practice that Makes Perfect.

Said a visitor to Sunderland House, "How did you do it?" "Ah," answered a seller, prettier than any doll, but of the type, "we've been practising every morning for years and years." That does not apply, of course, to the ladies who turned out the very swagger, well-groomed little figures of Sir Douglas Haig and his Generals; but it does explain partly why the dolls dressed by Lady Diana Manners and Lady Lavery were, in particular, so very beguiling. They, at any rate, have practised oftener than every morning. Lady Lavery, we know, has added to all her other dressings those extra experiments demanded of her by a painting husband, who never tired of using her as a model in every variety of hat and gown. But she, for her part, did find herself tired one morning, and struck and would not get up—the result being a very charming "Portrait of a Lady in Bed."

1 Museum "Piece." Sir Thomas Beecham has always been the butt of the caricaturists, and the Dulac model of him sold at Sunderland House was of the kind that a shy millionaire—if such a being exists—would have bought and hidden deep in the toy cupboard of some unfrequented nursery. But Sir Thomas is not shy, and betrayed no emotion even when he heard that Mrs. Corey, who was the buyer, had presented the image to the War Museum. But why the War Museum! There are, naturally, some dolls that one gives away and some that one retains. Sir Thomas, as I say, has been presented to the War Museum; but Colonel Hadow, who bought the "Lady

Diana Manners" for a shilling or two short of fifty guineas, is keeping his purchase.

Father and Son.

"Baron Tattle of Scandal" is the title we now know that the Republican poet Swinburne conferred on his fellow poet and flâneur, Lord Houghton. Another nickname which a witty woman gave that man of many talents was "The Cool of the Evening"—in allusion to his supposed presence at a party to which he had not been bidden. The fact is that "Dicky" Milnes, Lord Houghton, is rarely mentioned nowadays by the Victorian diarist except as a figure of burlesque. This must, of course, be very unacceptable reading for his son, Lord Crewe, who knows better than anyone how distorted and unjust it all is. For Lord Houghton, who could play frivolity very prettily with the frivolous, was serious enough with the serious. In politics he had the sense and the sympathy to be one of the brilliant group of "Young Englanders" who gathered round Disraeli and Lord John Manners in their generous plans for England's social reconstruction even then. And Lord Houghton wrote some of the best extant prefaces about poets, as well as those light verses of his own, some of which still reverberate. And Lord Crewe, a fine judge, can measure these things, and can consequently appreciate the father whom he has himself surpassed both as a statesman and as a maker of verse.

Horse-Play.

Why should not the horse, bearer of war-burdens, be also the wearer of war decorations? That, at any rate, is the question put by the Blue Cross organisation, which has done a great deal to mitigate the sufferings of the only vital belligerents who have no immediate concern with the issue of the struggle. They had not even the satisfaction of reading the *Times* "leader" (the other sort!) the other morning, with its tribute to the part still played by the horse in battle, all motor-mechanism notwithstanding; nor the "I told you so" of Professor Ridgeway, the great authority on the thoroughbred. "All the winners" of the war have won a status of their own, and have thereby raised the status of all their kind.

On the Squares.

The American Ambassador has been faced with the old difficulty—an Embassy. Berkeley Square has the right tone, but St. James's Square has an even better one for any Ambassador to the Court of St. James's! All the great squares are desirable, but people besides Ambassadors have thought so too, and the difficulty is to get a really important house in any of them. Even the shabby squares, by the way, seem all booked up just now. Though the American Ambassador may find it difficult to settle on a house, some of his countrymen are fortunate enough to be lodged in one of the most charming of Cavendish Square dwellings—the Y.M.C.A. Inn for U.S. officers.



A NEW PORTRAIT: LADY LEONORE MARY GRIFFIN.

Lady Leonore Griffin is the wife of Major J. McLean Griffin, R.F.A., and is the daughter of the seventh Earl De La Warr and the Dowager Countess De La Warr. [Photograph by Swaine.]

CANDIDATES FOR PARLIAMENT: PROMINENT POLITICAL WOMEN.



INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR RICHMOND
(SURREY): MRS. DACRE FOX.



WOMEN'S PARTY CANDIDATE FOR SMETHWICK:
MISS CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.



LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR MANSFIELD, NOTTS:
MRS. CARRUTHERS (MISS VIOLET MARKHAM.)



LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR STOURBRIDGE: MRS.
W. C. ANDERSON (MISS MARY MACARTHUR).

Continued.

Miss M. Carney, Sinn Fein Candidate for the Victoria Division of Belfast; and Mme. Markievicz, Sinn Fein Candidate for the St. Patrick's Division of Dublin City. It should be mentioned that Mrs. F. A. Lucas was adopted as Unionist Candidate for Kennington on the death of her husband,

the late Colonel F. A. Lucas, who had been nominated as the Unionist Candidate there, shortly before the election. By the time this number of "The Sketch" appears, all will know whether or not they may add the coveted "M.P." to their names!

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

SO you will have to give up that 1918 habit, after all. Well, well! There was getting to be a frightful lot of that year, anyway. Some parts of it (especially after the maroons had gone) would have reached, if placed end to end, from here to a point well into the twenty-first century, or—to mention a point that was always popular with statisticians and is now coming into fashion with the B.E.F.—to the spire of Cologne Cathedral. And it produced in the melancholy month of March the longest and least enjoyable Sunday observed at large since September 1914. It contained more full moons and flag-days than a really nice year should; and the mind of man is a perfect blank about anything that happened in it between four o'clock in the afternoon of the eleventh of November and eight o'clock on the following morning—when you emptied the syphon and began on the water-jug. It saw the war go out and the War Time Boot come in; it saw the Russian Revolution and the Russian Ballet, the victory and the Victory Ball, and the air-raid and the air-raid wrap (complete with flask and

one" to the auctioneer and paint Lady Wernher green with disappointment, when they wanted to sneeze and missed the bid. But when they have been to Christie's, at any rate one does know what they have been up to; it may be pearls, or it may be pictures, but the Good Object is always the same. Now the catch about the Albert Hall is that one never has the faintest idea of the precise nature of the entertainment. It may be dances or pageants or glove fights or Free Church Thanksgivings. Important people float by, murmuring that they have just come from the Albert Hall, and one is horribly apt to offend them mortally by saying, "Yes, didn't She look ripping?" when they have been howling at Wilde or intoning part of the Hundred-and-nineteenth Psalm. Life there is really terribly difficult and complicated; and the Stage is going to make it harder still in a day or two with a procession or a three-round contest or something. One is not sure whether Delysia will be playing Stevenson five hundred up, knocking the stuffing out of Nelson Keys in a welter-weight fight, or



ON THE DAY OF SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S HOMECOMING: THE KING AND HIS VICTORIOUS COMMANDERS, AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

From left to right are: General Sir W. Birdwood (5th Army); General Sir H. S. Rawlinson (4th Army); General Sir H. C. O. Plumer (2nd Army); the King; Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Commanding the British Armies in France; General Sir H. S. Horne (1st Army); and General Sir Julian H. G. Byng (3rd Army).

Photograph by G.P.U.

hair-pins). It saw—by standing on one leg behind a short gentleman at Hyde Park Corner—the State arrival of M. Clemenceau in a bowler hat, and the sublime hatlessness of Mr. Bonar Law, for which the Chancellor paid with an unpleasant bout of chills. It saw a lovely lot of Generals in splendid spurs sitting in landaus on the way to Buckingham Palace, and it cannot be said to have *seen* so much as to have *looked for* an occasional taxi that it could drive about in without offending the gentleman on the box or interfering in any way with the regular succession of his meals. So many people seem to have got married in it that if it had gone on much longer there would really have been nobody left to go out in the evenings. It wasn't a bad old year at heart; but now you will have to contract the 1919 trick—unless you have learnt to do it already in the top right-hand corner of the cheque-book, where improvident young people mostly draw a free-hand sketch of this day three months.

Isn't it odd, the way that life has come to rotate almost entirely round Christie's and the Albert Hall? Life has become one long procession from King Street to Kensington Gore, with occasional excursions to the Mall thrown in. Everybody is always boasting about how they were just going to say, "Two hundred thousand and

reading the Second Lesson. It's a way we have in the Albert Hall, which nobody can deny (*bis*).

What an eligible central situation St. Margaret's occupies in Westminster for the nuptials of our supremely civil masters, the Civil Servants. Not only do the *svelte* young men who run errands in the Foreign Office find a few moments to slip into church for a few minutes after lunch and become man and (with the indispensable feminine assistance) wife. But the practice is even spreading to the less majestic establishments situated within the same parish, and the Ministries of Food and Labour were thoroughly dislocated a few days ago whilst two representatives of those Departments attended what they would probably have called a Conference with a view to leading one another to the altar.

Aren't eight hundred people sorry that they stood for Parliament now? All the money that accrues from the £150 fine on "also rans" should be invested in the erection of statues of unsuccessful candidates in the happy towns that have rejected them—just to show the natives what they have escaped, and give employment to the sculptors whose designs for the local War Memorial are not accepted by the jury of matrons.

WELL LIKED IN SOCIETY: A DÉBUTANTE-TO-BE?



Younger Daughter of Lord and Lady Alington: the Hon. Lois Sturt.

Miss Lois Sturt is the younger daughter of Lord and Lady Alington, and would, but for the war, no doubt have made her curtsy at Buckingham Palace ere this; for she is now eighteen. Her father is the second Baron, and succeeded to the title in 1904. He sat as M.P. for

Dorsetshire, Eastern Division, 1891-1904. Her sister, who was married in 1908, is the wife of Captain the Hon. Henry Brougham, son of Lord Brougham and Vaux. Miss Sturt's mother, before her marriage, was the Lady Feodorowna Yorke, and is daughter of the fifth Earl of Hardwicke.

Photograph by Malcolm Arbuthnot.

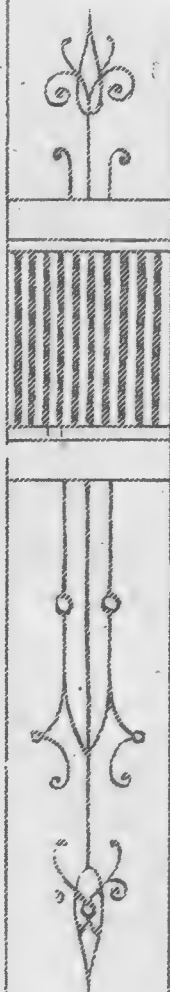
"SCANDAL"—WITHOUT A SCHOOL: THE WAYWARD



AN ALLURING "SHREW" TO THE "TAMING" OF PELHAM FRANKLIN: MISS KYRLE BELL

Mr. Cosmo Hamilton's new play, "Scandal," dramatised from his own novel of that name, has provoked comparisons, as regards its main situation, with Mr. Somerset Maugham's "Land of Promise," and the story of Tarquin and Lucrece. To these might be added "The Taming of the Shrew" and "The Misleading Lady." The wayward heroine of "Scandal," Beatrix Hinchcliff, to get herself out of a scrape, has publicly claimed to have been secretly married to one Pelham

ARD HEROINE OF A NEW "BEDROOM" PLAY.



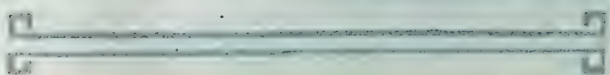
LEW AS THE HON. BEATRIX HINCHCLIFF IN "SCANDAL," AT THE STRAND THEATRE.

Franklin (played by Mr. Arthur Bouchier). A strong "bedroom" scene follows, in which he punishes her by demanding the rights of a husband, and then, when she seems ready to submit, declaring that she does not attract him, and leaving her. In the end, of course, the pretended married couple are left resolving to marry. Miss Kyrle Bellew plays the self-willed Beatrix with well-assumed shrewishness, and looks charming in frocks appropriate to such a character.

"U.S.," A(MBASSADORS): A NEW SONG.



CAREFUL WOMAN AND COUPONLESS MAN: (L. TO R.) MISS LEE WHITE, MR. BILLY WELLS, AND MR. BERT COOTE.



THREE OF "US": (L. TO R.) MR. CLAY SMITH; MISS LEE WHITE; MR. BERT COOTE.



Miss Lee White has made a great success with her inaugural venture in management, the "new Song-Show," as she calls it, at the Ambassadors' Theatre, with the laconic title, "Us." The personal pronoun in question apparently refers to her and her husband, Mr. Clay Smith, who together do so much in the revue to keep the ball of fun constantly rolling. They are well supported by Mr. Bert Coote and others, including Miss Tommy Clancy, Mr. Billy Wells, Mr. Monte Wolfe, and the Eclair Twins, and (last, also least—that is in stature) Betty, the child-actress. The upper right-hand photograph illustrates Scene XI. "A Hero," who

SHOW WITH A U.S.A. "LEE"-DING LADY.



THE V.C. AS HE IS
OBEDIENT HUSBAND AND
BERT COOTE AND MISS
TOMMY CLARK



is shown: (1) As General Boreham saw him; (2) As Mildred Dibley saw him; (3) As the Office Boy saw him; and (4) As he was (an obedient husband told off to nurse the baby.) On the left is a little coupon comedy that "might have happened in 1920." Miss Lee White and Mr. Berte Coote are dining together at a restaurant, where a coupon is required for everything. While she duly produces her coupons every time, he searches in vain among the official forms and cards that fill his pockets, and gets no dinner at all. When Miss Lee White sings "The Meaning of U.S.A." the ladies of the chorus form the letters U, S, and A, as illustrated above.



TO BE OR NOT TO BE BIPEDS.

BY MARTHE TROLY-CURTIN. (Author of "Phrynette and London" and "Phrynette Married.")

THE same to you, and I hope your Christmas presents are all that you did desire. The thing (the one of many) that I did want no one thought of offering to me—perhaps he did not dare!—so I had to offer it to myself. It's the latestest, comfortable, and not unbeautiful—rare combination! In the shop they call it a "Lady's Lounge Suit"—shops are so polite! Imagine a sort of pyjamas—or rather, a man's smoking-suit—but made of quilted silk, "nice and warm," as you say in English. Things with you are always either "nice and warm" or "nice and cool," according to taste and temperament, but "nice" is invariable!

But to return to our pantalons—don't we women love trousers?—they are evidently the kind of get-up in which to laze about before dressing without getting cold. It invests one, too, with a sort of bipedic authority—feet apart, cigarette between your teeth, hands in the pockets of your trousers, you feel yourself on an almost equal standing to interview the cook or discuss politics with your husband, should any of those two rare beings happen to be found under your roof. For those of us who don't like being in cotton-wool—I love it—the lounge suit may be carried out in other warm stuff. Wouldn't black panne be jolly, with orange or jade-green collar, revers, cuffs, and "frogs"?

Speaking of Christmas presents, I heard of a really amusing thing. A friend of mine, whose husband is a fervent admirer of the feminine form, thought it would be both tactful and safe to satisfy his *penchant* with a beautiful old French print representing Jupiter and Io. Io, languid and voluptuous (and evidently an economist in clothes), indolently reclining on a cloud, while Jupiter (naughty, naughty!) was peeping at her from behind another cloud (a transparent one). The old print-seller, after fixing an absurdly low price for the print, explained to my friend that he was "carrying on" the business for his son, who was still somewhere in France,

but confessed not to know much about it. "Queer things those antiques," said he. "Look at this, for instance, called 'Jupiter et ten'" (10). "I can see one" (who could not?), "but where are the nine others?"

He had taken the "I" in 10 for the figure one, and "o" for nought! If his son is not soon demobilised, by Jove, I tremble for the articles of vertu!

I was glad to notice that most of the concerts, at homes, matinées, etc., last month were given in honour and aid of the disabled soldiers. Sir Arthur Pearson had a very clever idea to help his beloved blind. In most of the big shops in the West End as Christmas drew near a small envelope containing a printed letter was wrapped up inside the parcel you purchased, and, on opening it, you found that the touchingly worded letter was asking you to pass around your table on Christmas Eve the said envelope, and to return it when full to St. Dunstan's. I hope much was collected in that ingenious manner. Also in aid of the blind soldiers, to provide a Christmas treat for them, was the interesting recital of Russian folk-songs which Mme. Lubov Ber gave at the Aeolian Hall on Dec. 17 under the immediate patronage of Queen Alexandra.



"The parcel you purchased."

With or without coal, we'll keep our feet warm this winter, and charities will benefit, too, for dances, as I said, are the quickest and best means of bringing in money. Miss Erica Beale is organising a fresh series in the coming New Year in aid of the Hon. Evelina Haverfield's Fund for Disabled Serbian Soldiers. They are to be called "Slavo Balls," and will take place at the Piccadilly Hotel, the management having generously promised their ball-room, a magnificent floor, and the best buffet: *cela va sans dire*. The dances will be strictly private.

How would you like to be a king, husband of Mother Hubbard, and a doctor twice a day? Kinsey Peile is doing this in "Make-Believe," at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, where they have a notable crowd of notabilities. Kinsey Peile, for instance, is a successful playwright as well as a successful actor, and hardly knows which job he enjoys most. Don't say I don't give you any news. Here is a very early bit. Kinsey Peile tells me his latest costume play is shortly to be produced by a very beautiful young actress, one of the most promising of our band.

Have you heard of Alexandre the Bird Man? He's amazing in his copies of the songs of birds. He goes every spring to the country, and from two in the morning lies hidden, listening and noting the songs of the birds. Alfred Butt, I hear, is an admirer of his genius, and we may see Alexandre at the Palace shortly.

"The Home Bells are Ringing" to great effect. This is Ivor Novello's Victory Song, which is proving as popular as his "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Ivor Novello had a great tour in Sweden, where his own fame, had spread as well as his mother's. You remember, Mme. Novello Davies can make anyone sing (why don't our neighbours go to her?), her voice-production method is so wonderful. She gave up her career as a pianist when she discovered the secret of making people sing, and has cheered two continents with the *prime donne* she has trained.



"A Christmas trot."

PERSONAL, AND A "PRONOUN"-CED SUCCESS: "US."



1. A HOOK TO THE NECK: THE ECLAIR TWINS AND MR. BILLY WELLS (THE BOXING MASTER) AT THE AMBASSADORS'.
2. WITH BETTY, THE CHILD-ACTRESS, IN A PUCKISH RÔLE (ON THE LEFT): "A LITTLE BALLET" IN "US."
3. STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER: THE BOXING CHORUS IN "DANCING DAN," A SCENE IN "US," AT THE AMBASSADORS'.

"Us," the new revue at the Ambassadors', is of the personal and intimate character which its title implies, and very appropriate to a small stage. The upper photograph here illustrates Scene 7, "Schooldays," in which the Eclair Twins, a pair of rollicking American girls, and

Mr. Billy Wells, with chorus to match, display some novel stunts in the noble art of self-defence. The middle photograph shows "A Little Ballet," following "The Fairies' Peace Conference" in "A Fench Garden." The lower photograph illustrates Scene 13, "Dancing Dan."

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THE CRITIC ON THE HEARTH

BY A. ST. JOHN ADCOCK.

ONE of the truest of those old saws everybody quotes and nobody trusts is the terse saying that extremes meet. It is true even in literature, and explains why the best of books are so much like the worst, and the worst so much like the best, that very often the reviewers and the public can't see any difference, but praise and buy both with an equal ardour. It were easy to prove this by running over a few names, but authors are so touchy in these matters till after they are dead, and when they are dead nobody wants to hear any more about most of them. Besides, this business of pulling the legs of our men of letters is best left to such unfeeling satirists as Gilbert Frankau, and he does a little of it from time to time, and does it very efficiently in "One of Them."

Now, when poetry is so popular that our poets are putting on flesh in spite of the food rationing, it wouldn't be surprising if novels in verse came into fashion; and it will be a welcome change if many of them are as dexterous, as clever, as lightly entertaining as this flippant tale of Gilbert Frankau's, which is avowedly Byronic in its inspiration, but more Don Juanish than Childe Haroldish. The plot is of no consequence; it flits irresponsibly about the gay world of London, and is full of topical allusions to people and things in law, literature, politics, and general society. When Bobbie wants to kiss Jill in the taxi on the way home from the dance, and Jill wants him to, but pretends she doesn't, and is annoyed when he blunders in the attempt, the moral drawn from the incident is not likely to get into the copybooks—

Reader, both kissed and kissless, chide not; pity
These withered weeds from Jill's dead seas of dreaming.
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How many a dear one owes his brass hat's gleaming.
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To some fond woman's sound strategic scheming!
Ponder—can crafts, which men from want to plenty ship,
Be steered without an arduous apprenticeship? . . .

There is more of the moral than that, but I haven't room for the rest. Go to the book for it, and, if you care to be amused, you will find the whole thing well worth reading.

In a serious but gentler mood he wrote the preface to "Frank



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Danby's "posthumous volume, "Mothers and Children." I have never read a finer, more beautiful tribute than that by any son to the memory of his mother; and he was right in thinking that these fourteen studies of children and the relations between mother and child should not be left unpublished. They are poignantly acute

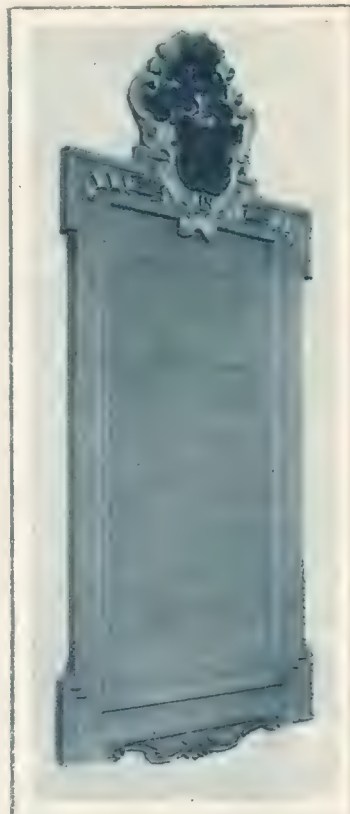
and sympathetic study-stories, and, if there is more pathos than humour in them, it is the real pathos of real life.

I wonder whether most mothers overestimate the brilliance of their small sons, and confidently expect them to be the Lloyd Georges of the future? The mother of Arthur, in one of Frank Danby's chapters, has that belief in him, and he is in the habit of telling people, "I am going to be a Prime Minister. Mumsey says so." And in C. L. Delagreve's curious tale of "The Curious Friends," when the President warns Miss Brand against his troublesome sister and refers to her child Ferdinand, he adds, "Horrid little brute! She has some special method of education that she invented herself, and she expects Ferdinand to be Prime Minister at least some day"—the quiet Miss Brand remarks, "I believe most mothers think that of their sons." It may be so. Anyhow, the author shows an intimate knowledge of the thoughts and ways of childhood. It is all sheer fantasy, and will appeal mainly to younger readers, but older ones will like some of the people in it.

I am one of the crowd who can never resist a spy story, and "Intrigue" is one of the freshest and most ingenious of its kind. A capital yarn. If all spies were as imbecile as Harry Tighe's Lord Frederick Daventry, we could economise by abolishing the Secret Service and leaving them to the Boy Scouts. "The Silent Room," however, is a sort of humorous story; but either it isn't funny or the humour is too strangely new to tickle me. Sway field, the M.P., is an unmitigated idiot; but I am told that some M.P.s are that. Is Barron, the principal character, meant to be a brilliant author or just an ass? I don't know. "Enigmas are the bigamists of sense and sophistry" is one of his best epigrams—and men have been put into strait-waistcoats for less. His wife, having the mother instinct, wants children; but he is resolved to have none, and the closed nursery is called "the silent room." She, in revolt, philanders with Daventry, and Barron is airily indifferent, till she discovers that Daventry is a German spy; then she longs to be a "heroine" and bring about his capture. Her husband joins her in doing this, and it is done with all the elements of farce except laughter. All along Barron is annoyed by the rustle of his wife's silken underskirts; there is a terrible lot of chatter about those skirts; and at last, when the two are reconciled and she takes off the offending garment up in the nursery, Barron magnanimously returns it to her. I hope Harry Tighe won't do it again. Let him give us another such novel as "The Sheep Path." That was excellent, and in the vein that suited him—and us.

BOOKS TO READ.

One of Them. By Gilbert Frankau. (Hutchinson.)
Mothers and Children. By Frank Danby. With a Preface by Gilbert Frankau. (Collins.)
The Curious Friends. By C. L. Delagreve. (Allen and Unwin.)
Intrigue. By Clive Desmond. (Hodder and Stoughton.)
The Silent Room. By Harry Tighe. (Westall.)
Last Poems. By Edward Thomas. (Selwyn and Blount.)
President Wilson: The Man and His Message. By C. Sheridan Jones. (Rider.)
Pillars of Empire. By W. L. and J. E. Courtney. Illustrated by Clive Gardiner. (Jarrolds.)



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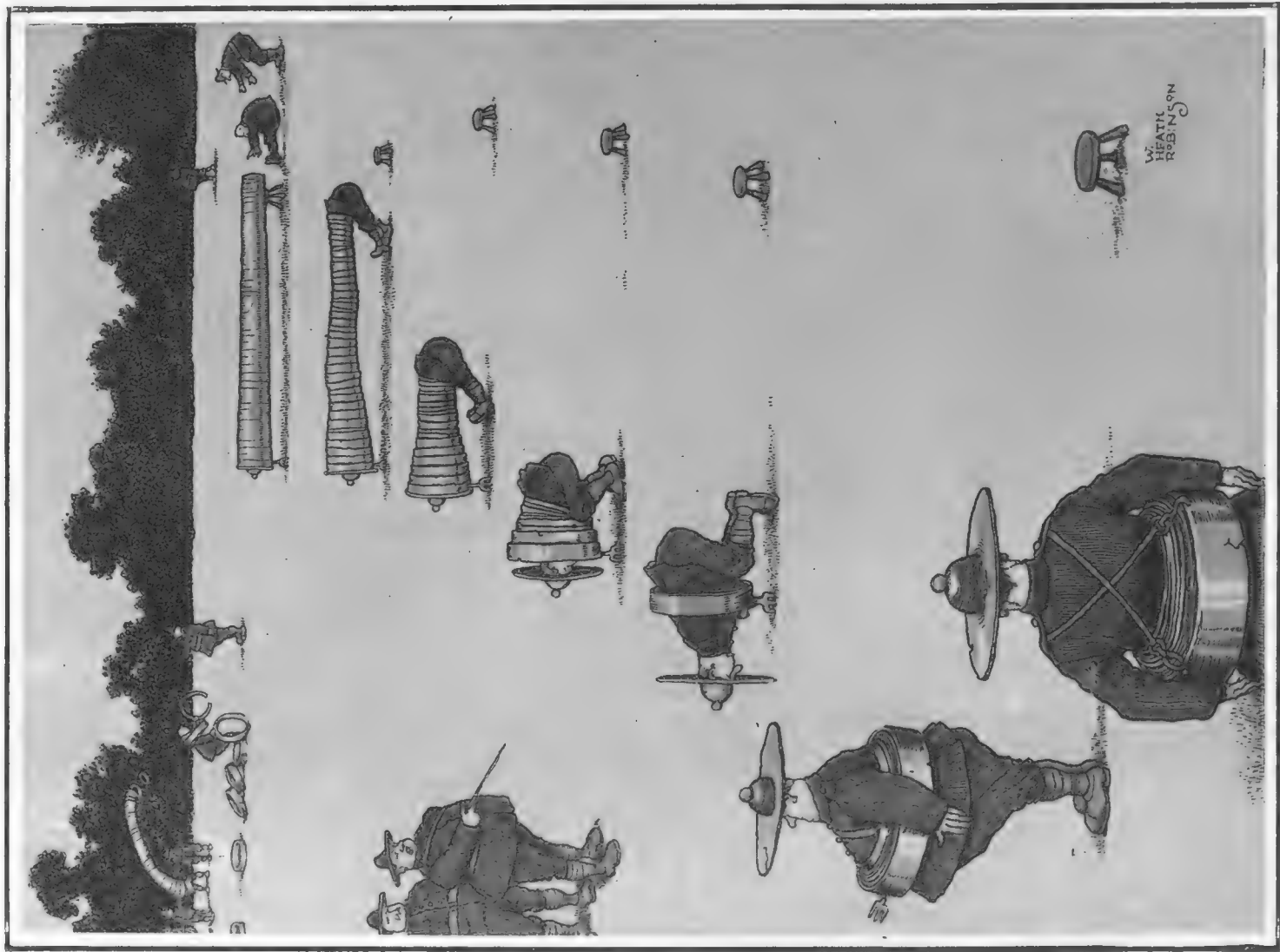
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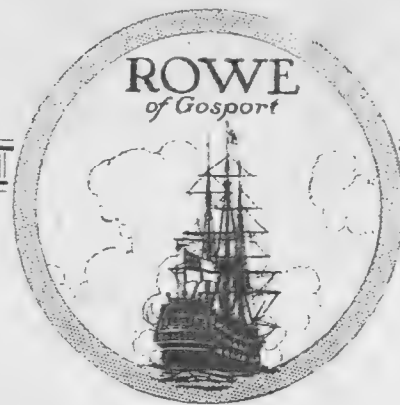
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ON FUTURE AERO SHOWS.

By C. G. GREY, Editor of "The Aeroplane."

ALREADY people are beginning to talk about an Aero Show, and, though it is likely to be a mighty long time before such an event can take place, the subject is worth discussing, if only for the sake of the lovely little row that is blowing up about it. You see, all the previous Aero Shows in this country have been held at Olympia by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, who made a custom of exacting from their own members a bond that they would not exhibit their products (nor allow them to be exhibited) at any show which was not held by the S.M.M. and T. Incidentally, the S.M.M. and T. lost money through the non-attendance of the public at their various Aero Shows, and are rather looking forward to getting it back out of future shows. Furthermore, although hardly any members of the S.M.M. and T. have designed any aeroplanes, and so cannot very well get up an aeroplane show of their own products, the majority of the British aero-engines are built and designed by members of the S.M.M. and T., so it looks as though it will be rather difficult for any Aero Show to be held without the products of the S.M.M. and T. being essential to its success.

The S.B.A.C. Now during the war the old original firms of aeroplane-makers, most of which were on the verge of expiring for lack of orders before the war, have become very large and important business concerns, with combined capitals running into millions. These original firms, and a number of new aeroplane firms, have formed a new organisation called the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, more familiarly known as the S.B.A.C., which is truly representative of all that is best in the aircraft industry. The S.B.A.C., being essentially an aircraft organisation, and not interested in any way in the motor trade, proposes to hold its own aero shows in future, without saying by-your-leave or thank-you to anybody else. And the old original aircraft firms who bore the burden in the heat of the day—or rather, survived the freeze-out before the war—rather resent being regarded as an off-shoot of the motor trade; seeing that they never received

own. Consequently, the position seems to be somewhat thus: If the S.M.M. and T. holds a show, it cannot show any British aeroplanes, so its exhibition will consist of foreign aeroplanes and British engines. On the other hand, if the S.B.A.C. holds a show, it can exhibit any number of perfectly good British aeroplanes, but it will have to fit foreign engines or else confine itself to one or two British makes, because nearly all the best British engines are made



FLIGHT AT SEA: AN AEROPLANE LEAVING A LIGHT CRUISER.

Photograph by C.N.

by members of the S.M.M. and T. The situation is really rather amusing, and, unless the two societies can come to some amicable agreement, it looks rather as if neither will be able to hold a truly representative show.

Is Olympia Big Enough?

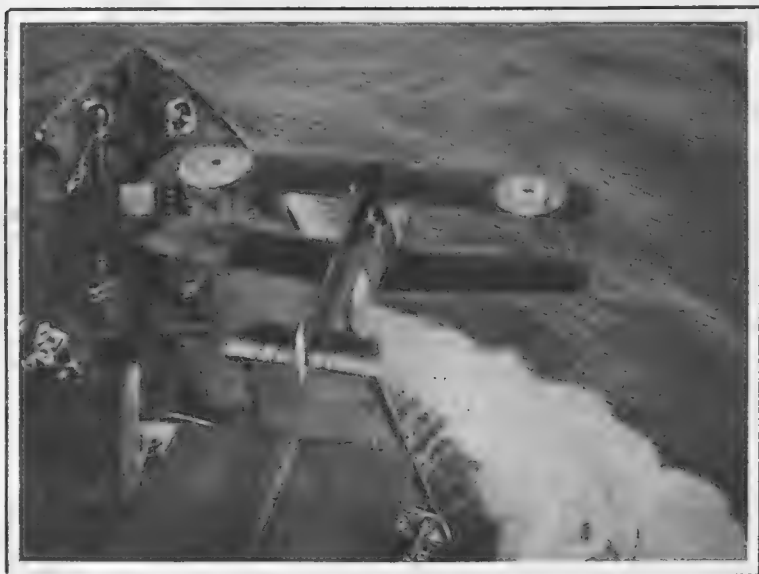
The question of where the show is to be held is also a difficult point. The S.M.M. and T. has a monopoly of Olympia, which is by far the biggest show hall in London—or in Great Britain, for that matter. And, anyhow, it is doubtful whether Olympia would be half big enough to house a properly representative show of the big multiple-engined aeroplanes and flying-boats which are now being built for the proposed round-the-world air-lines of the future. It would be possible to get quite a lot of single-seater and two or three seater "joy-ride" machines into it; but when it comes to setting up half-a-dozen little toys which measure a matter of forty yards across the wings, and perhaps twenty yards from nose to tail, one begins to have doubts about the capacity of the place.

Ungetatable Hendon.

There is, one hears, some question of holding the show in the open—or rather, in a series of immense marquees in some big open space. The aerodrome at Hendon has been suggested as a suitable place—on the grounds that people associate Hendon with aviation for one thing, and would go there without much inducement; and also that such part of the aerodrome as was not covered by marquees would be available for trial trips and exhibition flying. It is a good enough idea on the surface, but for the fact that Hendon is likely to remain a permanent R.A.F. aerodrome. And, anyhow, it is the most ungetatable place on earth near London.

Hyde Park the Right Place.

The obviously proper place to hold the Aero Show is in Hyde Park. If it was possible to build a temporary Crystal Palace there for an industrial exhibition in 1851, it should be possible for the aircraft industry, *via* its friends in the Air Ministry, to get permission to set up the necessary marquees in the Park for a period of, say, three weeks. One presents the idea to the aircraft industry and to the nation free of charge.



FLIGHT AT SEA: A BRITISH AEROPLANE LEAVING A LIGHT CRUISER.

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any support from the rich motor firms when they were doing all the pioneer experimental work and needed capital badly.

An Amusing Situation.

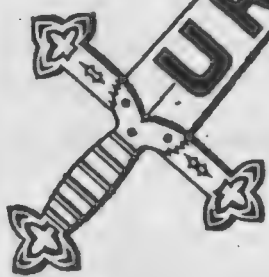
About a dozen of these original firms, or even less, are responsible for the pre-eminence of British aeroplane design to-day over the rest of the world; and, when the British Aircraft Industry holds an aero show, it proposes that it shall advertise British aircraft to the world at large. The S.M.M. and T., on the other hand, has a good many foreign firms among its members, and, so far as one can recollect, no British firms which have designed aeroplanes of their

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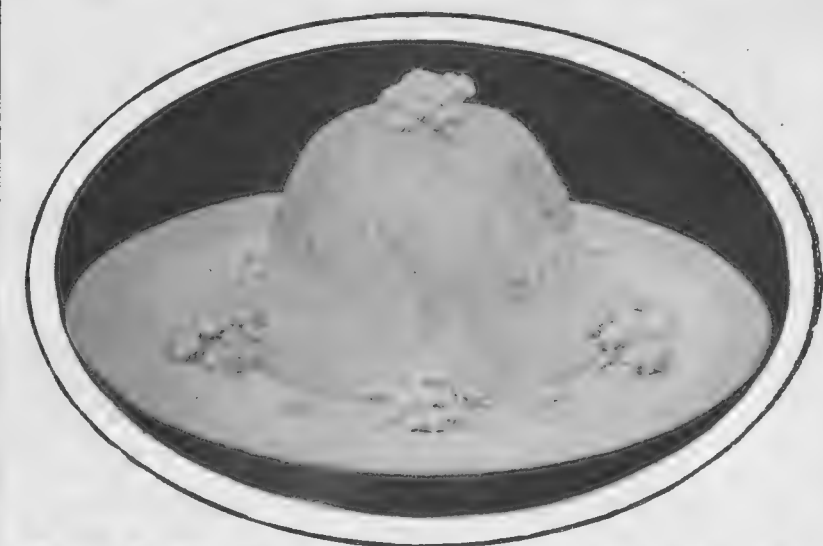
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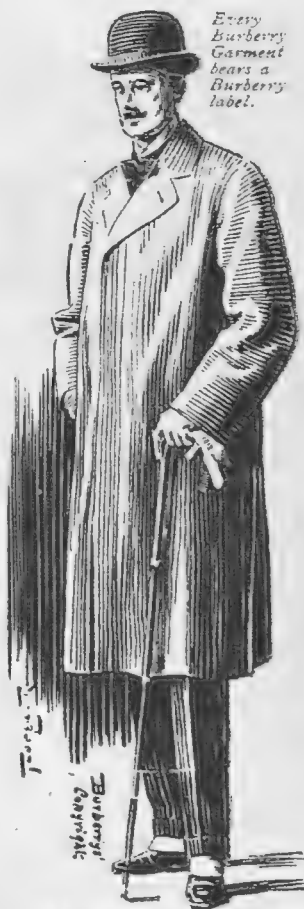
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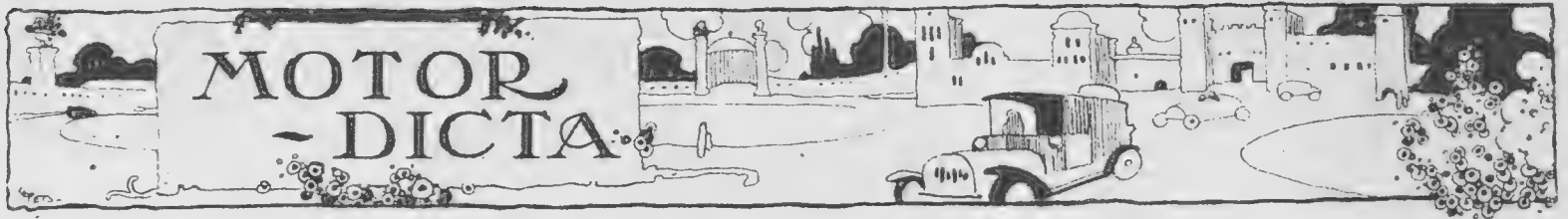
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THE NATIONAL BENZOL ASSOCIATION; AND OTHER MATTERS.

By GERALD BISS.

AFTER four incessant years across Dora's knee the peace New Year ought surely to hold something good in its kindly lap for well-strafted automobilists. Any force less virile than automobilism would have died of inanition; but on every side there are signs of it sitting up and taking nourishment—as much, in fact, as ever it is allowed to absorb by its own special liquor controllers. And what are the omens and portents for this New Year that is now upon us?

Support the Benzol Movement.

First, as a little sop to keep quiet the rude and the untidy, who are again beginning to find the use of their tongues after all this gagging and compulsory silence, petrol (or what passes for it nowadays concealed in saturnine tins) this day drops threepence-halfpenny a gallon, or sevenpence a tin; and all the rude, case-hardened motorist wants to know is, why not more? "A most ungrateful generation," the real controllers from across the now unsubmerged seas will tell you. As to quantity, it can hardly be very long before all these pettifogging restrictions go by the board, though bureaucracy dies harder than rich old maiden aunts. In the meantime the P.C.D. has suddenly grown positively statesmanlike and constructive in policy by offering those who will take it half as much benzol again as petrol; and this may help to start many upon the all-important track of home-produced fuel. Owners should certainly make every effort at this critical moment to throw off the shackles of outside control, and do their little bit in the establishment of unimported fuels, for their own sake, as well as for national welfare. Benzol has just been released from the joyous function of making H.E. for Hun consumption (free); and a National Benzol Association has been formed to prevent it from flowing into the bottomless sink of the unofficial Petrol Trusts, from which motorists have suffered so bitterly for years. Modern benzol is a great deal better than most of the tainted tinned importations knocking about; and this good and practical new movement is essentially one which calls for support. In France, incidentally, the General Petrol Committee has adopted the proposal for a decree restoring complete freedom of motor traffic and the unrestricted use of petrol. Why not over here, too?

New Rules for Head-Lights.

At last, also, the restrictions with regard to head-lights have to a very large extent been officially relaxed by an order which, I believe, is tentative so as to see how it works. It is the intention of the

authorities—so a wise little bird whispers to me—never again to allow wholly unrestricted lighting upon the roads, as it was getting a bit too much of a good thing before the war, and was considerably abused by certain folk on the swank by night; and never more will the great searchlight superimposed in the middle on top of everything else be allowed to blind lesser users of the road. Nothing more than 12-candle is allowed under the new order; and experts will tell you that all that is required can be done with that. It will only hit lamps of the very largest "out" size, while those above five inches in diameter must be covered with one thickness of ordinary tissue paper—with the permission of the Paper Controller. The object is to encourage the development of an adequate but less selfish light; and I fancy that the London authorities have been not a little nettled by the recent amount of totally unnecessary use of big head-lights in London. Pure swank—and this is the result!

New Year Prospects.

With regard to manufacture, it has ceased to be a criminal offence, and is now even looked upon as a virtue; and Winston has bestowed his valedictory blessing upon the industry officially from the M.O.M. In some lucky

instances it is already going strong; and things will begin to hum as soon as the other interrupted factories can get into their peace stride again. As regards the much-discussed and cheerfully abused bodies which cater for automobilism from two guineas upwards

(including entertainment and luxury tax), though, I fancy, we shall not hear of the projected union of forces which has been so widely canvassed, I shall be surprised if the New Year do not bring forth early in its peaceful efforts a considerable practical advance in the matter of working unity. Something must, and, if I be not mistaken, something will be done.

Ten million pounds—a mere drop in the bucket—will be distributed this year by the Road Board to start the great work of road reconstruction; but that is the smallest beginning towards not only the repair of the awful damage done by war and neglect, and the depreciation of the last four and a-half years alone,

but towards the greater and essential national scheme of making the roads adequate for modern transport. There is talk of a possible road race in the three-legged Isle of Man; but that, I fancy, like the Scottish Light-Car Trials, announced for 1920, is more likely a year later. Finally, this will be a great year of shows, of which I wrote a month back. Meantime, the state of the roads is a matter of real urgency.



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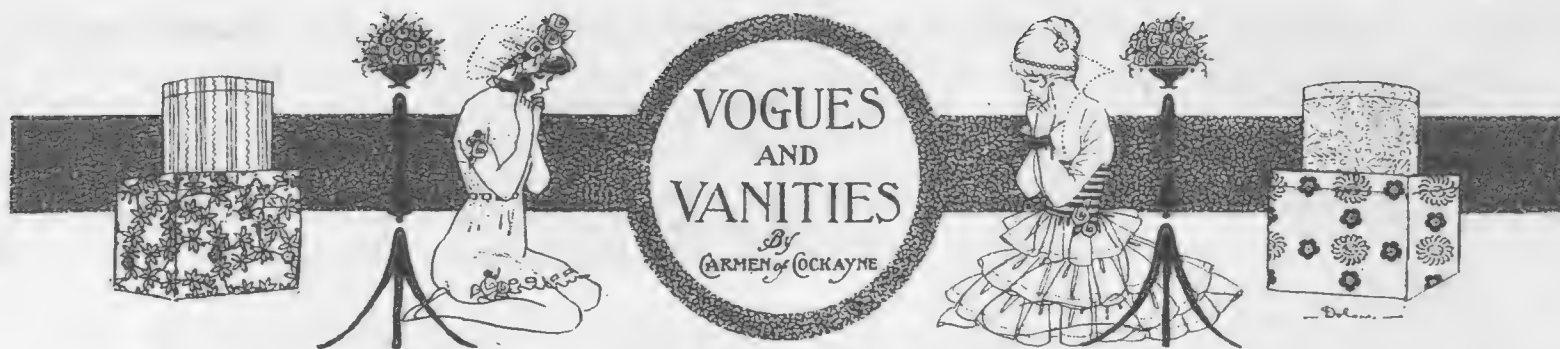
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Wrinkles. A hint in time, especially if it is acted upon, means smartness in the future; and, so far as certain articles of the feminine wardrobe go, the present is a golden opportunity for getting on the right side of fashion. The weather, too, has proved itself an unexpected ally to the woman who depends on the sales to help her build up the reputation for smartness that every daughter of Eve likes to feel is hers. Take the matter of coats. The loveliness of the early autumn and winter models has more than once been described. However, hitherto it has been a case of the shop-keeper proposes and the weather disposes, so far as these particular wraps are concerned. Mild December did away with the necessity for thick coats; it follows naturally that the selection of thick coats in the "sales" will be more varied than would have otherwise been the case, and the woman who never buys a thing until she is obliged to will reap the reward of her prudence.

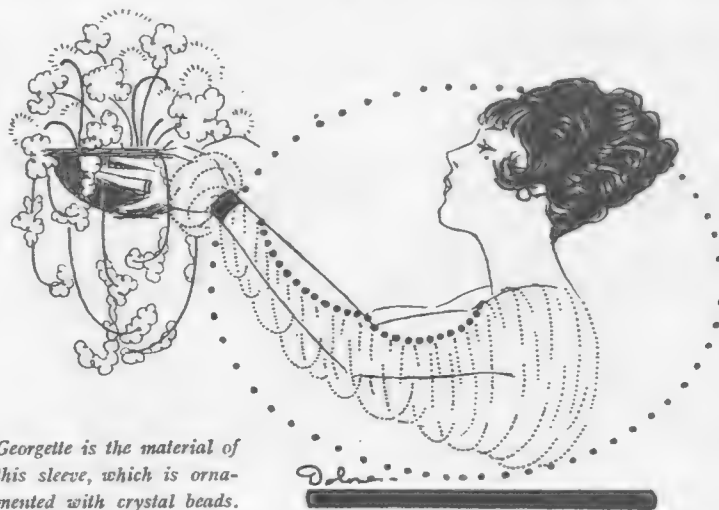
A Note on Shoes. The poet who wrote comparing feminine feet with a pair of mice might, if he were alive now, have to modify his views. Athletic women have no use for the fairylike "tootsie," which, however delightful in theory, is of very little practical use to those who follow a golf-ball or spend long hours on the tennis-court. An appreciable number of foot-inches is no longer a reproach, but a distinction—more especially since the artist in foot-wear devoted himself to the task of making shoes calculated to create an appearance of shortness where Nature had seen fit to order things otherwise. The real reason of mentioning shoes, however, is this—all sorts of shoes which, owing to Government prohibition or

other reasons, have not been on the market are now, so to speak, at a loose end. In plain English, foot-wear during the sales will be obtainable at a price that wearers, accustomed as they are to war figures, will probably regard as little short of ridiculous, in the best sense of the word. Gold shoes and brown shoes, black shoes and grey ones, have all been brought under the sway of the reducing blue pencil. There may be people who, like Mme. de Tallien, have sufficient confidence in their understandings to go stockingless and dispense with shoes altogether, making up in gold paint what they lack in shoe-leather; but their number is strictly limited. Most women prefer the more conventional way, and the sale-time shoes are only likely to strengthen their decision.

The Necessary Suit. Englishwomen have no national dress. If they had, it is more than likely that the mode selected would be the tailored suit, in which the average female of the English species looks her best. Lately there have been horrid rumours that the supremacy of the tailor-made was threatened by the two-piece costume and the coat-frock. It is true that many women, especially since the war, have adopted the dress-and-coat form of toilette to the exclusion of the once-ubiquitous coat-and-skirt, but their infidelity has only been temporary. Suits are far too convenient as well as becoming to be relegated to the "shelf" for good and all. Prominent dress artists are unanimous in the view that suits are to enjoy a spell of renewed popularity. The weather in part accounts for the return of the favourite. Muggy December provided very little excuse for sporting the fur coat which almost every woman now makes it a point of honour to own. January may or may not live up to its wintry reputation. Even if



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Toys for the Children.

To talk of playthings seems a foolish thing when Christmas is safely over and Santa Claus has gone into his year's retreat. But it is, after all, not quite so foolish as it sounds. There are plenty of small people whose Christmas tips are burning holes in the pockets authority sees fit to include in the make-up of a juvenile suit, so it is really important as well as interesting to know that in not a few cases the jolly wooden engines and coaches and things that were such an attractive feature of toyland at Christmas have been included in the "reduction" process. If only the heads of the great West-End houses realised the pleasure their action was likely to give, they would have at least one "sale" of this kind every holidays. As it is, however, Youth is quite content with making the most of present opportunities, without troubling its head about the future.



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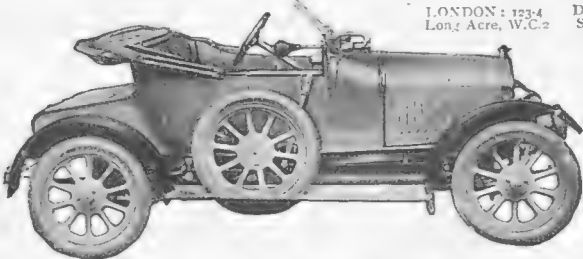
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Home Again. The Queen of Norway must be delighted to be once more in her own home circle in Norfolk, after more than five years separated from it by war. Prince Olaf is in his sixteenth year, and a fine handsome lad. I wonder if he will remain in boyhood the apple of Queen Alexandra's eyes that he was in childhood? The only child of her youngest daughter is very dear to her, and he was a most chivalrous little fellow and devoted to his stately grandmother, so the two were close friends. He will now be companionable with our young sailor Prince George, there being but six months between their ages. Queen Maud, in the days of her girlhood, was known as "Harrie" in the home circle, and was full of fun and frolic. The Norwegian people like her a great deal better than they did before she gave them the young Prince whom they idolise.



She is a study in brown, various tones of which go to make her costume—from fawn gabardine, of which the cloak is made, to tête-de-nègre panne, which is used as a lining—to say nothing of the sable which forms the collar.

They are a very democratic little nation, and when our Princess first went to Scandinavia she did not understand democracy at all. She will now recognise in her brother a thoroughly democratic Sovereign.

A Duchess's Shop.

There was a gathering of the clan at the sale of Christmas gifts at Millicent Duchess of Sutherland's Bond Street depot of her Potteries Cripples' Guild. As she was unable to be present herself, her daughter-in-law, the Duchess presided; assisting were Lady Rosemary Leveson-Gower, looking piquant and pretty in a close black capote with some little coloured flowers of ribbon in it. There was Lady Alastair Leveson-Gower, a war bride, and a very pretty one. She is an American, and married Lord Alastair at Havre before one of the big engagements. Lady Lanesborough, the Duchess's mother, was helping; also Lady Betty Butler, her sister. Lady Beatty, wearing a long nutria fur coat and a black hat, was buying. A gift to Admiral Sir David, from one of these sales, was a metal casket which was hit by part of a shell when the *Lion* was in action, and, although twisted out of shape, was not penetrated or destroyed. The Countess of Drogheda was, as is her pleasing way, selling freely, and looking very handsome in black relieved with white. Countess Soudes was buying; and so was the Hon. Lady Meux, one of whose pretty daughters was selling. The silver, silver-gilt, and copper work is very fine; and the Guild profits by the beautiful models collected by its ducal president and founder and their friends to copy. Disabled warriors are now proving apt pupils at this fascinating craft.

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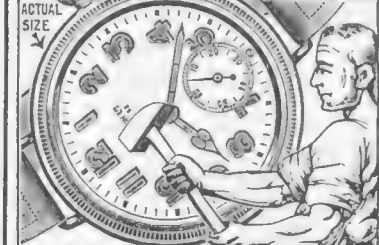
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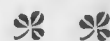
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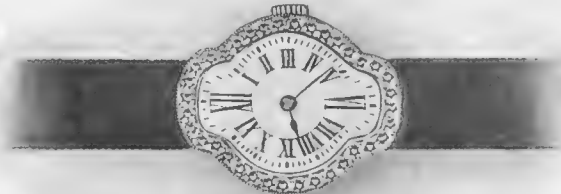


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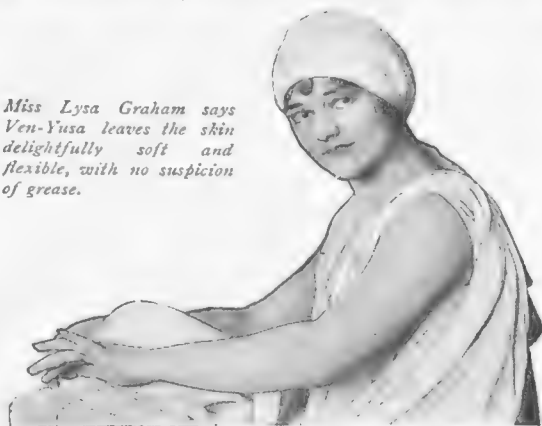
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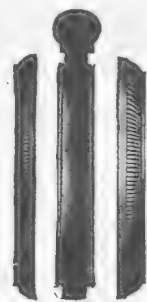
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Pure Irish and Best Value.

Although there is no decrease in the high value of Irish linens, yet this is the time to buy. The sale at Walpole Brothers, 89-90, New Bond Street, begins to-day (Jan. 1), and the opportunity it presents to replenish linen-chests is one to be seized. There is no shadow of a chance of the price of linen falling for a long time to come, because within the last few weeks linen yarns have gone up in value £30 to £40 a ton. Walpole's beautiful table-cloths of double damask, 1½ by 1½ yds., at 11s. 9d., 14s. 3d., or 16s., are value that will not again be available for years to come. Cloths, 2½ by 2½ yds., at 46s., in a lovely convolvulus design, are joys—and remarkably durable joys too. In all cases there are napkins to match. All these cloths are made in the firm's own factories from the best flax yarns, and the choice in cloths is extraordinarily wide. Irish linen sheets direct from Walpole's own looms are included in the sale at most moderate prices. Cotton sheets—which will not



The evening-gown is of blue satin, with bodice and little apron made of net of a deeper shade of blue, embroidered in many-coloured beads. The wide sash is of lemon yellow. The cloak which goes with this dress is of blue velvet, trimmed with white fur.

drop at all in price—are also included in the sale, and curtains. The sale catalogue, which gives many bargains, will be sent on application.

The Way of Pleasure.

The Duke of Northumberland is a very wise man; he warns us all that we are done with war and its attendant ills only if we really work. The secret of the French quickly paying their 1870 indemnity and becoming prosperous was work. The secret of the stupendous power and wealth of Hun-land was work. The trouble with our own people was that we had jumped from a life of too much and too ill paid work to one of too much money and too much pleasure. The mid-Victorian era was a dull time for British toilers, and when relief came it was rushed at too freely, and everyone in their degree set pleasure first; so were we found soft and unprepared, and ready to be eaten up. However, the old spirit was only scotched—not killed; up it jumped and saved us. Now we have got to hit a happy medium, and earn our pleasure before we take it. I have an idea most of us realise that we get the best fun that way. I hear that the V.A.D.s are asked not to disband, but to keep together and be ready for an offer of permanent occupation later. The decision is, without any doubt, a wise one.

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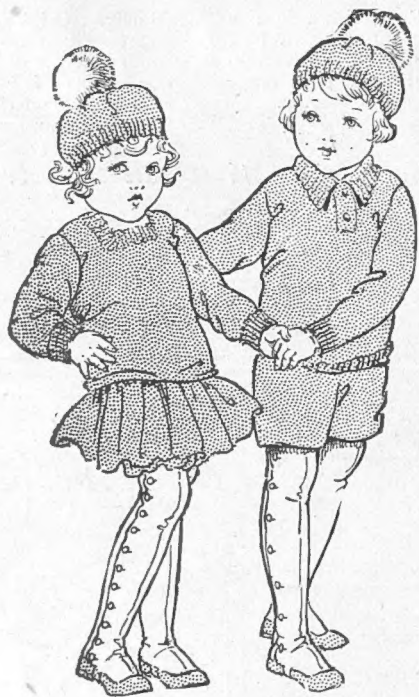
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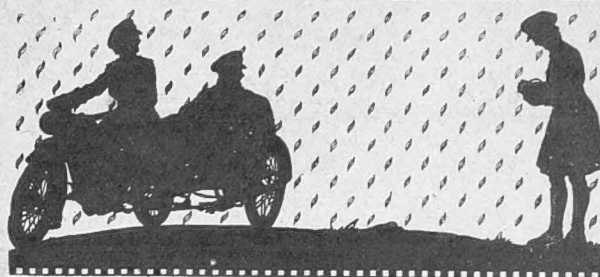
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